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FOR GARRISON FROM MATLOCK

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- 1. RE BONN 02477. WE HOPE YOU WILL TAKE THE LEAD IN RESPONDING TO THEQUERY ABOUT STARTING NARCOTICS DISCUSSION BETWEEN DEA AND THE SOVIETS. JIM HENDERSON, DURING HIS CONSULTATION HERE IN JANUARY, TOLD US THAT CARTER ADMINISTRATION WILL BE TAKING A HARD LOOK AT DEA OVERSEAS ACTIVITIES AND THAT WE'D BEST KEEP MATTERS QUIET HERE. FOR THEIR PART THE SOVIETS HAVE NOT BEEN PUSING TO RESCHEDULE THE MEETING.
- 2. DAO WOULD LIKE TO SEND TWO ASSISTANT ATTACHES ON AN UN-OFFICIAL TRIP TO MONGOLIA. YOU HAVE RECEIVED A CABLE ON THEIR PLANS. OUR FEELING IS THAT THE MONGOLIANS WILL NOT BUY IT, HOWEVER LOW-KEY THE APPROACH, BUT WE SEE NO PROBLEM IN TRYING.
- 3. SINCE MARCH 26 NOT POSSIBLE FOR YALE RUSSIAN CHORUS PERFORMANCE AT SPASO HOUSE, PLEASE ASK MRS. LELAND WHETHER NEW SCHEDULE PERMITS ALTERNATE DATE.

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4. REGROMYKO 20TH ANNIVERSARY. IT WOULD DO NO HARM FOR SECRETARY TO START HIS RELATIONSHIP OFF WITH GROMYKO WITH A GESTURE SUCH AS A MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS, ALTHOUGH SOVIETS ARESELDOM STIRRED EMOTIONALLY BY SUCH TRIBUTES. IN OTHER WORDS, WE ARENOT ENTHUSIASTIC OVER IDEA. OUR SOURCE ON FEB 15 DATE IS AGENCY BIO BOOK, WHICH WE ASSUMECOULD BE FURTHER VERIFIED BY CHECK OF

PRAVDA FOR THAT DATE.

5. RE PERSONNEL EXTENSIONS. PRESEL AND MCNAMARA DO NOT WANT TO EXTEND; MILES HAS EXTENDED TO 79 AND DOES NOT WANT TO EXTEND FURTHER. JEFF WHITE DOES NOT WISH TO EXTEND; ROBIN PORTER IS STILL CONSIDERING (HE IS LEANING TOWARDS, HIS WIFE AWAY); ROBERT MILLS WOULD EXTEND IF ASKED. TOON

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